

(b) A Court of Inquiry has been constituted by the Ministry of Labour under Section 24(1) of the Mines Act, 1952 under Justice Gurusharan Sharma, Judge of the High Court of Jharkhand. Action will be taken after the report of Court of Inquiry is received.

Mine Accidents in Government Mines

† 4256. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that most of the mine accidents occur in Government mines only;
- (b) if so, whether any inquiry has been made into its reasons; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) Most of the coal mines in the country are owned by Coal India Ltd. However, accident statistics indicate that the fatality rates in Coal India Ltd., are less than the all India figure. The details are as under:

A. Fatality rate per million tonne production.

| Year | All India | CIL |
|-------|-----------|------|
| 1997 | 0.54 | 0.43 |
| 1998 | 0.47 | 0.40 |
| 1-999 | 0.45 | 0.41 |

B. Fatality rate per three lakh manshift.

| Year | All India | CIL |
|------|-----------|------|
| 1997 | 0.31 | 0.25 |
| 1998 | 0.29 | 0.24 |
| 1999 | N.A. | 0.25 |

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of reply at (a) above.

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.